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Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 441

File No. 285

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"AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) On and after January
4 1, 2004, no person shall use a mobile telephone while operating a
5 motor vehicle on a public highway or private road unless such person
6 is using a hands-free mobile telephone in its hands-free mode or such
7 person is: (1) An operator who is alone and reasonably fears for his or
8 her safety or reasonably believes that a criminal act may be perpetrated
9 against him or her; (2) an operator who is using such telephone to
10 contact an emergency 911 system to report what such operator
11 reasonably believes is an emergency or the commission of a crime or
12 motor vehicle violation; (3) an operator of a school bus with passengers
13 who uses such telephone to call for assistance when the school bus
14 experiences a mechanical breakdown or an emergency arises that
15 endangers the operator or the passengers; or (4) a police officer, peace

16 officer or firefighter or an operator of an ambulance, authorized
17 emergency vehicle, as defined in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of
18 section 14-1 of the general statutes, bus, school bus without passengers,
19 taxi cab or tow truck who uses such telephone while acting in the
20 performance of his or her duties and within the scope of his or her
21 employment. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any passenger of
22 a motor vehicle, other than the operator, from using a mobile
23 telephone while the motor vehicle is in motion. For purposes of this
24 subsection, a "hands-free mobile telephone" means a telephone with
25 speakerphone capability or an attachment, add-on or addition to a
26 mobile telephone or other piece of equipment whether or not
27 permanently installed in the motor vehicle, that when used allows the
28 operator of a motor vehicle to maintain both hands on the steering
29 device, and "mobile telephone" includes, but is not limited to, a
30 cellular, analog, wireless or digital telephone capable of sending or
31 receiving telephone communications without an access line for service.

32 (b) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this
33 section shall have committed an infraction and shall be fined not more
34 than seventy-five dollars for each violation. Each such violation shall
35 constitute a separate and distinct violation."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003